## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 324 By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge on its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Rotary International, the oldest service type club in the world, having been founded in 1905, is one of this nation's finest groups. With more than 1 million business and professional executives and 27,000 clubs in 154 countries, it undertakes community development programs, promotes high ethical standards in businesses and professions, and fosters international understanding, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, this year, the exemplary Oak Ridge Rotary Club, one of the first post World War II clubs in Rotary International, having been chartered in January, 1946, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Luis Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina, the 1996-1997 President of Rotary International and his wife, Celia, will specially recognize the Oak Ridge Club, with a visit March 1-2, 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 50 years, the Oak Ridge Rotary Club has exemplified the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, contributing significantly to the public good; and

WHEREAS, the club pioneered the establishment of vocational scholarships in recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations; and

WHEREAS, it led in the organization of the first Chamber of Commerce in Oak Ridge in 1949, and furnished the first chamber president; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Ridge Club established the coveted Vocational Service Award, one of the city's most prestigious honors, which recognizes persons who use their vocational skills for the benefit of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the group has won more awards for excellence in service than any other club in the 61 club district; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge is tied with two other clubs in providing the greatest number of international officers of any of the district's 61 clubs; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to honor this fine group on their Golden Anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Oak Ridge Rotary Club on its fiftieth anniversary and wish it much continued success. We also extend our welcome and best wishes to President Luis Giay and his wife, Celia, on their visit to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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